

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JULY 18, 2023

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council Members Chad Mims, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Janet Gaston and Rosie Jones; Stephen Reed, Assistant City Attorney, and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council. Council Member Lynn Bryan was absent. Council Member Davis introduced Rev. Chris Traylor, who led the invocation. Council Member Buddy Palmer led the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Travis Beard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to confirm the agenda and agenda order, as presented. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Todd Jordan recognized Cadence Bank Arena Director Kevan Kirkpatrick for 20 years of service with the City of Tupelo.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Council Member Davis told everyone about the upcoming grand opening of the Mayfield Dynasty establishment to be held on July 28 at 6:00 PM. and invited all to attend. She also asked for prayers for Bridgett Wilson who recently lost her father.

Council Member Palmer congratulated Kevan Kirkpatrick on a job well done with the Cadence Bank Arena and Conference Center. He stated that Kevan is a real asset to the City of Tupelo.

Council Member Jones gave congratulations to Jonathan Rogers, a recent graduate of Tupelo High School, who has recently been drafted to play pro baseball.

Council Member Gaston said the Aquatic Center and Shockwave did a great job hosting the MS State swim meet.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Todd Jordan said the Southeast Swim Meet will be held in Tupelo in a couple of weeks, and we'll have a big crowd visiting in Tupelo.

PUBLIC AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOT MOWING

No one appeared to address the lot mowing on the following properties:

| <u>Parcel</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 078D2704700 | WINCHESTER CIR |
| 088Q3400800 | 1815 MARTIN HILL DR |
| 089F3017800 | 536 N GREEN ST |
| 089F3018600 | 590-592 N GREEN ST |
| 089F3018500 | 588 N GREEN ST |
| 089F3004700 | 505 W BARNES ST |
| 105D1505100 | 3091 MOORE AVE |
| 078D2703300 | 1526 GUN CLUB RD |
| 077F2617900 | 709 LAR-ELI-DO DR |
| 077Q3605800 | 120 S HIGHLAND DR |
| 079V3213100 | 25 HARVESTER'S SQ |
| 079V3211200 | 5475 TURNING LEAF CV |
| 075S1600102 | 3424 WALSH RD |

ACTION AGENDA

**IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
(TABLED AT MAY 2, 2023 MEETING)**

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to bring the matter of amendments to the animal control ordinance, tabled at the May 2, 2023, meeting, off the table. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 - Animals and Fowl - Article I - In General, and Article IV – Dogs, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi. After a brief explanation of the amendments by Asst. City Attorney Stephen Reed, of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX A

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 5, 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

Bills were reviewed at 4:30 p.m. by Council Members Beard, Davis, Gaston and Palmer. Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve the advertising and promotional items, as presented. After a brief explanation by CFO/City Clerk Kim Hanna, of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX B

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #8 FOR FY 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to approve Budget Amendment #8 for FY 2023. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX C

IN THE MATTER OF PROPERTIES FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to adjudicate the properties on the final lot mowing list as menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and to approve their cleaning in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 21-19-11. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX D

IN THE MATTER OF OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 5, 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the Planning Committee minutes of the June 5, 2023, meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX E

IN THE MATTER OF LIENS FOR LOT MOWING

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve Resolutions Assessing Judgment Liens Against Real Property for the Costs Associated with Lot Mowing in Accordance with Miss. Code Annotated § 21-19-11 , for the following properties:

| <u>Parcel</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 078D2704700 | WINCHESTER CIR |
| 088Q3400800 | 1815 MARTIN HILL DR |
| 089F3017800 | 536 N GREEN ST |
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Such properties had been previously 1) adjudicated menaces to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and in need of cleaning and 2) cleaned pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (1972 as amended). The vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX F

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITIONS LOCATED AT 117 & 117 ½ HIGHLAND DRIVE (PARCEL 077Q-36-085-00) (TABLED AT JUNE 20, 2023 MEETING)

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to take off the table the demolition of the structures located at 117 and 117 ½ Highland Drive previously tabled at the June 20, 2023 meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve the demolition of structures located at 117 and 117 ½ Highland Drive for being a menace to the public health, safety and welfare in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated 21-19-11. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX G

IN THE MATTER OF UNMARKED VEHICLE RESOLUTION

Police Chief John Quaka submitted a Resolution with a current list of vehicles that the Tupelo Police Department maintain as unmarked. Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the resolution. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX H

IN THE MATTER OF UNMARKED POLICE SURVEILLANCE VEHICLE

Police Chief John Quaka submitted a Resolution to approve a seized vehicle for use with the North MS Narcotics Unit as unmarked. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve the resolution. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX I

IN THE MATTER OF BID REJECTION FOR THE PACKAGE GENERATOR SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND LABOR & MATERIAL FOR TUPELO CITY HALL 2023-018PW

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to reject bids for Bid # 2023-018WL - Package Generator System Installation and Labor and Material for Tupelo City Hall, because all bids received exceeded the construction cost estimate by greater than ten percent (10%). Miss. Code Anno. §31-5-39 (1972 as amended.) Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX J

IN THE MATTER OF BID APPROVAL FOR CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS / ARPA DRAINAGE PROJECT BID NO. 2023-028PW

The City advertised and accepted bids for Bid #2023-28PW – City Park Improvements/ARPA Drainage Project. Multiple bids were received with the lowest and best bid being Hodges Construction in the amount of \$317,693.75. Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to award the bid to Hodges Construction. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX K

IN THE MATTER OF CVB BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2023

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Davis, to approve the CVB minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX L

IN THE MATTER OF CVB INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OCTOBER 20-23, 2023

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a request for international travel for Jennie Bradford Curlee to travel to Brussels and Mechelen, Belgium, for the Joker Travel Event consumer show and blues concert for the time period of October 20-23, 2023, and set the maximum daily per diem rate at \$134/day. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of the letter of request is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX M

IN THE MATTER OF BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF JANUARY 2022 – JUNE 2022

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to approve writing off to the bad debt file the list of Water and Light Collections accounts. The total bad debt amount represents 0.07% of the total revenue for the period of January 2022 thru June 2022. Efforts will continue to be made to collect these accounts even though they have been transferred to this accounting classification. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX N

IN THE MATTER OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1226 BOGGAN DRIVE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE OF SAID PROPERTY

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer to approve an order authorizing the purchase of real property located at 1226 Boggan Drive and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a purchase agreement and all other documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of said property. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX O

IN THE MATTER OF A BROADCAST RIGHTS AGREEMENT WITH 5GTV FOR THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT

Council Member Gaston moved, seconded by Council Member Mims, to approve a broadcast rights agreement with 5GTV for the public broadcasting City Council meetings and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor. APPENDIX P

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Davis moved, seconded by Council Member Palmer, to determine the need for an executive session. Assistant City Attorney Stephen Reed said the session will be the possible acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno. 25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to close the regular session and enter executive session for discussion of possible acquisition of real property under Miss. Code Anno.

25-41-7(g) (1972 as amended). Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor at 6:29 PM.

After discussion in executive session, Council Member Palmer moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston to return to the regular meeting at 6:39 PM. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Council Member Mims moved, seconded by Council Member Gaston, to adjourn the meeting. Of those present, the vote was unanimous in favor.

This the 18th day of July, 2023, at 6:39 PM.

Travis Beard, Council President

ATTEST:

Missy Shelton, Council Clerk

APPROVED

Todd Jordan, Mayor

Date